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SUBJECT: U.S. MEMBERSHIP IN ILO--ARAB/ISRAELI ISSUES

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1. WHEN MEETING WITH FONMIN KAMEL AND MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI TODAY, I TOLD THEM THAT GHALI'S AIDE MEMOIRE ON REFERENCE SUBJECT HAS BEEN CAREFULLY STUDIED. WE APPRECIATE GOE OFFER ASSIST IN PROCESS LEADING TO RETURN OF U.S. TO ILO AND ESPECIALLY GOE'S OFFER TO SPONSOR APPEAL TO THE U.S. BY THE G-77 AND OTHER MEMBERS TO RETURN TO ILO TO PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZATION AND RATIONALIZATION OF ILO'S STANDING ORDERS. WE SUPPORT ANY SUCH EFFORTS THAT MEET CONCERNS OF ALL MEMBER NATIONS IN ORDER TO PERMIT ILO FOCUS ON ITS FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE. IN OUR JUDGMENT, HOWEVER, AN APPEAL BY MEMBER STATES TO THE U.S. TO RETURN TO ILO, UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY SPECIFIC EVIDENCE THAT THE MAJOR REASONS WHICH LED TO OUR WITHDRAWAL HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT TO ENABLE US TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO SUCH AN APPEAL.

2. I AGAIN EMPHASIZED OUR CONCERN WITH DIRECTING ISSUES
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INVOLVING ISRAEL INTO DUE PROCESS CHANNELS OF THE ILO. GHALI COMMENTED GOE AGREES WITH THIS CONCEPT, ALTHOUGH SOME OF ITS ARAB COLLEAGUES DO NOT. I SAID WE APPRECIATE GOE RELUCTANCE TO INITIATE EFFORT WITH OTHER ARAB STATES TO RESOLVE THIS ISSUE WHILE ME PEACE PROCESS IS STILL UNCERTAIN AND ACCEPT GOE'S JUDGMENT. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT ILO DG BLANCHARD WILL SOON TAKE

INITIATIVE TO TRY TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. WE WOULD HOPE THAT GOE WOULD CONSTRUCTIVELY SUPPORT DG'S EFFORTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO BEING IN CLOSE AND CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH GOE ON ILO MATTERS.

3. GHALI, WHO IS "EXPERT" ON ILO MATTERS, EXPRESSED REGRET THAT USG COULD NOT GO ALONG WITH GOE PROPOSAL. HE SAID GOE WANTS TO BE AS HELPFUL TO US IN THIS MATTER AS ITS POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. HE AGREED STUDY BLANCHARD'S IDEAS, WHEN RECEIVED, AND HOPES THEY ARE SUCH THAT GOE CAN SUPPORT THEM. EILTS

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